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In early October 1953, Dr. Lindstroem¹, head of the main administration for heavy chemicals, and Dr. Suettlerlein (fnr), head of the production group for acids completed a report on the production of sulphuric acid under the five-year-plan in East Germany. The report which had been submitted to the Ministerial Council contained the following tabulations:

a. Consumers of sulphuric acid in 1953	tons
State Secretariat for Chemistry	226,000
Ministry of Light Industry	22,000
Soviet corporations	120,000
Ministry of Mining and Smelting	8,000
State Secretariat for Coal	2,000
Ministry of Food Industry	2,300
Local requirements	10,500
Miscellaneous consumers (Wismut AG and others)	3,000
	393,800

b. Production of sulphuric acid planned by the five-year-plan:	Estimated requirements
1951 219,000 tons	1951 233,000 tons
1952 297,000 "	1952 396,000 "
1953 350,000 "	1953 396,000 "
1954 540,000 "	1954 453,000 "
1955 560,000 "	1955 487,000 "

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The report indicated that the maximum production of sulphuric acid in 1955 would be 490,000 tons and that, therefore, imports will have to be made as long as the projected calcinated sulphuric acid plant in Coswig is not available.

Comment. There is reason to believe that without the Coswig sulphuric acid plant the actual production in 1955 will be less than 490,000 tons and that East Germany will have to import to meet the estimated requirements of 487,000 tons of sulphuric acid.

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b. [redacted] Comment: Dr. Karl-Friedrich Lindstrom.

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